

*Establishing and Sustaining  
Chinese Early Language and  
Immersion Programs:  
A Workshop for Administrators*

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National Chinese Language Conference  
Los Angeles, CA

May 8, 2014

# Workshop Schedule

- Welcome and Introduction
- Overview of CELIN and the Workshop
- Presentations
- Roundtable Discussions
- Plenary Discussion

# CELIN Formation



# Why CELIN at Asia Society?

- Asia Society has a successful track record in leading and supporting the Chinese language field
- This is an opportunity to connect and provide resources for language practitioners, researchers, policy makers, parents, and advocates for language learning across the United States
- We intend to strengthen the budding CELIN programs within the national networks of World Language, early language, and immersion education

# Mission of CELIN at Asia Society

*Support the growth and sustainability of Chinese early language and immersion programs in and outside the United States to ensure that students have opportunities to develop high-level multilingual and intercultural competency for advanced study and work in an interconnected world*

# Five-Year Goals (2014 – 2018)

- CELIN Network, newsletter, and website; part of Asia Society's Chinese Language Initiatives
- Resources for Chinese early language and immersion programs
- Searchable database of Chinese early language and immersion programs
- Support for Chinese language teachers and administrators in early language and immersion programs

# CELIN

Online

Face to Face

Information &  
Resources

Virtual Learning  
Communities

PD (Webinars)

Open Houses  
(Programs)

Curricula  
Materials  
Research

User Generated

Best Practices

Conferences &  
Meetings

# Panel Presentations

- *Christopher Livaccari*: Building an Immersion Program for a Global Age: Students as Linguists and Diplomats
- *Dr. Jeff W. Bissell*: “What do you mean by ‘immersion’”? Goals and Principles of Chinese Language Immersion Instruction at CAIS
- *Christina Howe*: Chinese Immersion in U. S. Public Charter Schools
- *Stacy Lyon*: “But I don’t speak Chinese:” Five Tips for Observing Immersion Classrooms With Confidence

# Panel Presentations

- *Dr. Michele Anciaux Aoki*: Planning a Middle School Dual Immersion Curriculum Based on Social Studies Thematic Units and Backwards Design for Language Learning
- *Maquita Alexander*: Creating a Supportive School and Classroom Environment in Chinese Immersion Programs
- *Sue Berg*: Immersion Leadership 101: Knowledge and Skills that Effective Program Administrators Need

# Roundtable Discussions

## 1. Establishing and Sustaining Programs

(Christina Howe)

## 2. Program Types, Design, and Observation

(Stacy Lyon)

## 3. Program Leadership, Staffing, and Governance

(Sue Berg)

## 4. Curriculum and Instruction

(Michele Anciaux Aoki)

## 5. Defining and Implementing Immersion Programs

(Jeff Bissell)

## 6. School Environment and Parent and Community Engagement

(Maquita Alexander)

# Plenary Discussion

*Staying Connected*

# Web Pages



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The screenshot shows the website for Asia Society's Chinese Language Initiatives. The header includes the Asia Society logo and the text "Chinese Language Initiatives" with a search bar. A navigation menu lists "HOME", "ABOUT", "TOPICS", "CONFERENCE", and "INSIGHTS". The main banner features a portrait of Confucius and the text "Confucius CLASSROOMS".

**ABOUT CHINESE LANGUAGE INITIATIVES**  
China is not just a global superpower. Here, we need more teachers and we prefer to Chinese language and culture. In addition, there are still few insights and information about how to start and sustain a high-quality Chinese language program. We offer a prototype tool for immersion programs, pedagogy, challenges, and more.

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JENKINS  
Lia Pengfei: Guest in Youth Education

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Article 1: Asia Society Confucius Classrooms Network  
Article 2: Language Learning in the Age of the Common Core  
Article 3: How to Build School Partnerships

**LATEST INSIGHTS**  
INSIGHT  
Strength Reasons for School Ranking Cheating Allegations  
China's curriculum reform: How to build a high-quality curriculum? How to build a high-quality curriculum? How to build a high-quality curriculum?

**ARTICLES + TOOLS**  
ARTICLE: CHINESE LANGUAGE INITIATIVES  
Destination: Immersion  
An overview of language immersion with various models, including dual immersion, two-way dual immersion, and one-way dual immersion. It also discusses the challenges and opportunities of language immersion.

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# Chinese language matters

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## Destination: Immersion

By Heather Chynoweth

As recognition of language immersion's wide-ranging benefits increase, and schools across the United States establish new programs, many are finding that the journey is rewarding, but also has hurdles.

At the 2013 National Chinese Language Conference, Dr. Shuhui Wang, Ph.D., president of ELE Consulting International,

# Programs



# Discussion

- Do you have additional questions or comments for the presenters?
- What are key issues discussed in the roundtables?
- What are the needs of administrators that CELIN can meet?
- What are critical next steps for CELIN?
- What do you plan to do next? What is in your action plan?

# Thank you! 谢谢!

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